

WO-334

1896

Lambert Ayres House
Ocean City
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Lambert Ayres House

MHT Inventory Number: WU-334

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
(1870-1930)

4) Resource Type(s):

STANDING STRUCTURE

1. SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. W0-334

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic LAMBERT AYRES HOUSE

and/or common KATE BUNTING HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 6 Dorchester Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Ocean City ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kathryn J. Bunting

street & number 6 Dorchester Street telephone no.: 289-7944

city, town Ocean City state and zip code Md 21842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 1172

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 274

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Lambert Ayres house, known to older town residents as the Lizzie Hearne house, is a two-and-a-half story frame dwelling that stands at 6 Dorchester Street in the heart of Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland. The house faces south.

Built around the turn of the twentieth century, the two-and-a-half story frame dwelling is supported by a rusticated, raised concrete block foundation, and the house is covered with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched pyramidal roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with an off-center front door and flanking single-pane sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by two-pane sidelights and a two-pane transom. Distinguishing the southeast corner is a two-story tower with single-pane sash windows on each floor. The first floor and the ground floor are sheltered by a Colonial Revival Tuscan columned porch supported on rusticated concrete block piers. The porch is curved around the southeast corner to conform with the tower. Enriching the cornice is a dentiled bed molding. Lighting the second floor are four unevenly spaced single-pane sash windows, and the tower is lighted by single-pane sash also. Dominating the south slope of the roof is a large hip roofed dormer with a tripartite set of single-pane sash windows. Rising through the center of the house is an interior brick stove chimney. A second chimney rises on the east side.

The porch continues around to the east side. A large hip roof dormer marks the east roof slope as well. The north and west elevations are finished with similar details.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone

Easting

Northning

B

Zone

Easting

Northning

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title

Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization

Worcester County

date

3/1/90

street & number

Worcester County Courthouse

telephone

632-1194

city or town

Snow Hill

state

Md 21863

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LAMBERT AYRES HOUSE
6 Dorchester Street
Ocean City, Maryland
Chain of title

1172/274

Dorothy K. Jones Bunting also known
as Katheryn J. Bunting

to

3/27/1986

Katheryn Jones Brasher, now known
as Katheryn J. Bunting

North side of Dorchester Street

Lots 12, 13, 23, and 32 on plat

568/498

John Burton Jones, Mary Jones Conant,
William Hearne Jones

to

3/22/1977

Dorothy K. Jones Bunting

Lots 12, 13, 23, and 32

being the same property that was devised
and bequeathed to Dorothy K. Jones Brasure
now Dorothy K. Jones Bunting, John B.
Jones, Mary Jones Conant, William H. Jones
by will of Minnie Hearne Elgin Jones,
deceased, filed 12/29/1969

BB 30/190

Lizzie R. Hearne, widow

to

6/27/1936

Minnie Hearne Jones and Marion Hearne Elgin

Lot 23 N side of Dorchester St.

$\frac{1}{2}$ lot 19

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LAMBERT AYRES HOUSE
Chain of title continued

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Lambert P. Ayres and wife Eva K.

to

5/10/1902

Lizzie R. Hearne

Lot 23 \$1800

FHP 7/448

Sarah C. Franklin, et al.

to

11/4/1895

Lambert P. Ayres

Lot lying on Synepuxent Beach
called Ladies Resort to the Ocean
\$400

B A Y

North Ocean City

Trailer
Park

Filtration
Plant

Water
Tank

© Light

Dog and Bitch Islands

The Thorofare

Captain's
Hill

Drum Pt

Mallard
Island

Bay Shore Acres

Horn Island

West
Ocean City

Ocean City

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LAMBERT AYRES HOUSE

Ocean City, Maryland Quadrangle

1964

City Inlet

Ocean City
Harbor

~~Light~~